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GOV. PATTON PRESENTS AWARD TO FORMER KLEC CHAIR

FRANKFORT – Gov. Paul Patton presented the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement to former Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Chairman Robin Cooper today at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda.

Gov. Patton also honored three other nominees, Paducah Assistant Chief Sandy Joslyn, Regional Community Policing Institute Assistant Director Cindy Shain and 14-year-old Stephanie Garcia, with certificates for their nominations.

“Because of the vision and tenacity of our honorees today and others who have had similar dedication, Kentucky has a top reputation nationally. We have laws and standards that ensure that all our officers are trained uniformly – so that they can protect themselves and Kentucky citizens,” Gov. Patton said during the ceremony.

The Department of Criminal Justice Training administers the award and oversees the selection committee.

All four of the nominees were active in law enforcement issues that affect both their communities and the state.

- **Robin Cooper** was appointed to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council in 1995, and served three terms as its chairman. He was instrumental in the passage of the 1998 legislation that established Peace Officers Professional Standards, and helped ensure that all officers would be trained uniformly. He is also a member of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation and of the Kentucky Police Corps Advisory Committee. Robin was Mayor of Paintsville for nine years, and is past president of the Kentucky League of Cities.
- **Cindy Shain** is the associate director of the Regional Community Policing Institute at Eastern Kentucky University. She spent 24 years with the Louisville Police Department, where she retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel and Deputy Chief of Operations. Shain was the first female captain to command a police district in Louisville and was the agency’s first female staff



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officer. She came to RCPI in 1999, and has developed and delivered a wide variety of law enforcement training programs throughout Kentucky. She is also very active in the Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network.

- **Sandy Joslyn** is the assistant chief at the Paducah Police Department. She has been actively involved in the training of smaller agencies in the Western Kentucky area on the subject of child abuse and sexual assault investigation. She also helped establish both a multi-disciplinary team for the investigation of child abuse cases and a local clinic for the medical examination of child sexual abuse cases that has been used by agencies in the western Kentucky area.
- **Stephanie Garcia** is a 14-year-old Jefferson County girl who raises money to buy bulletproof vests for law enforcement K-9s in Kentucky. She has raised more than \$15,000 and vested 23 dogs. Working with her 4-H club, she has provided vests for police dogs in Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana.

DOCJT Commissioner John Bizzack praised the honorees for the instrumental roles they have had in improving law enforcement across the Commonwealth.

“The citizens of Kentucky are fortunate to have such leaders – both in and out of law enforcement – committed to advancing the profession,” Bizzack said. “Through their tireless work in the areas of training, they have made both the state of Kentucky and the law enforcement profession safer.”

The Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement was created in 2001 to honor an individual who significantly advances Kentucky law enforcement in the areas of Peace Officer Professional Standards, law enforcement training or professional development, or who exhibits exemplary leadership that has resulted in the advancement of law enforcement in the state or the nominee's community.

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